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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA ISSUES: UK PROPOSAL FOR DATA STUDY

REF: USNATO 2646 DTG 131229Z MAY 75

1. ON MAY 13, GENERAL ABRAHAM (FCO), NIXON (FCO) AND COLONEL GERAHTY (MOD), AT NATO FOR MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING, CALLED ON MISSION OFFICER (MOORE AND COLIN) TO OFFER FURTHER EXPLANATION OF UK PROPOSAL THAT SPC GIVE WG A MANDATE TO STUDY USE OF MORE DETAILED DATA FROM MILITARY-TECHNICAL VIEWPOINT. THE UK OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED THAT THE TEXT THE UK HAD CIRCULATED MAY 12 SPC MEETING GAVE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION OF UK WISHES.

2. THE UK OFFICIALS SAID THAT UK WISHED THE WG STUDY STRICTLY LIMITED TO MILITARY-TECHNICAL MATTERS. THEY SAID THAT ALL THE UK WANTED WAS THAT THE WG DECIDE WHICH FIGURES THE AHG

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COULD USE, WHEN THE POLITICAL AUTHORITIES DEEMED IT ADVISABLE, TO RESPOND TO WP CHALLENGES OF TABLED ALLIED DATA. THE UK WOULD LIKE THESE FIGURES READY, SO THAT WHEN THE AHG NEEDS

THEM, THERE WILL NOT BE LONG DELAYS IN DECIDING WHICH ARE THE CORRECT FIGURES AND WHAT ARE THEIR SECURITY PARAMETERS, BEFORE THE POLITICAL AUTHORITIES CAN CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AHG TO USE THEM. THE UK OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEIR DRAFT MANDATE DID NOT MAKE THIS CLEAR.

3. MISSION OFFICERS THANKED THE UK OFFICIALS FOR THEIR CLARIFICATION OF THE UK PROPOSAL, AND SAID THEY WOULD REPORT IT. THEY ASKED IF, WHEN NEED FOR A SPECIFIC FIGURE AROSE IN VIENNA, THE ALLIES COULD NOT WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY AT NATO ON THE FIGURE IN QUESTION, RATHER THAN TRYING TO ANTICIPATE IN ADVANCE THE VARIOUS POSSIBLE EASTERN CHALLENGES. UK OFFICIALS WERE OF THE VIEW THAT LATTER COURSE COULD RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN GETTING THE AHG THE DATA IT NEEDED FOR DATA DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEW ON UK PROPOSAL THAT SPC GIVE WG A MANDATE FOR MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS PER PARA 3, REFTTEL, AND IN LIGHT OF FURTHER CLARIFICATION ABOVE IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 15.  
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